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STATUS LETTER

Sir:

The Attorney's record in the above-identified application discloses that an action by the Patent and Trademark Office is due therein in response to a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment mailed October 24, 2002 (copy attached).

If this status is correct, kindly state the approximate date when said action will be given.

If the status is incorrect, please state the date of the last Patent and Trademark Office action in order to preclude any question of abandonment from arising.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER

Sir:

The status of the above-identified patent application is
in question.

A CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d) was filed on 22 February 2000
(copy attached with post-card receipt) while an appeal was
pending. Accompanying the CPA was a request to enter the
amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 which was unentered in the prior
application.

In accordance with section (d)(2)(v) of 37 CFR 1.53, the
prior application was expressly abandoned as of the filing date
of the CPA. Nevertheless, proceedings in the Patent Office
continued in respect of the prior application without any action
regarding the CPA.

On 26 July 2002, after reviewing an Appeal-Board
Decision on the claims in the prior application, a supplemental

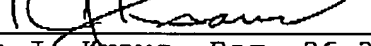
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Amendment was filed (copy attached) in light of the Decision regarding the abandoned application, to place the claims in the CPA in better condition for prosecution.

In view of the above, it is believed that the CPA is pending, as amended in the papers filed on 22 February 2000 and 26 July 2002, and awaiting action by the Patent Office. Confirmation of such status and expedited processing of the CPA is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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